Price control on leading formulations

1621. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee made observation in the supplementary report that 93 per cent of the turn over of leading formulations as per DRG is under price control;

(b) what are the details of decontrolled formulations on the D.R.G. according to Kelkar Committee, what is their sales turn over and what percentage do they account for;

(c) whether his Ministry has examined these observations; and

(d) if so, what are the details of distoration and action taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the Kelkar Committee the percentage of total out-put of formulations out side price control is 28.8 per cent in the case of Indian Private Sector, 27.8 per cent in the case of Public Sector and 25.4 per cent in the case of foreign based companies.

Telephone facilities in villages

1622. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Communications stated in 1987 that Government had no plan to provide telephone facilities in every village of the country;

(b) if no, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number and names of villages State-wise where telephone facilties have not been provided so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present policy of the department is to provide telecom facility on fully subsidised basis within about 5 Kms. in every inhabited place. For this purpose the country has been divided into hexagons of 5 Kms sides each and a principal village preferably a Panchayat Headquarter in it is earmarked for providing telecom, facility. There are 50421 such hexagons in the country out of which about 31,000 have been provided with telecom, facility as on 31.3.1989 and the balance are to be provided with the facility progressively during the remaining period of Seventh and Eighth Plan. Now we have a perspective plan for providing telephone in every village by 2000 A.D.

(c) This record is not maintained by the Department.

Prices of Betamethasone

1623. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to answer to Unstarred Question 649 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state:

(a) who were the members of Committee which heard the representation of Glaxo;

(b) what is the period which forms the basis for fixation of prices fixed on 2nd January, 1989; and

(c) when was the prices initially fixed under DPCO, 1979 for Beta-